



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 3rd March 2023

DATES COMING UP!
(please note all dates are subject to change)

13 Mar -In class school photos
 13 -17 Mar -STEAM week
 17 Mar -Red Nose day
 21 Mar -Poetry day
 30 Mar - International Food
 31 Mar -Non uniform £1
 -School finishes 1:30pm
 3-14 Apr -Easter holidays
 20 Apr -Bag2School collection
 1 May -Bank holiday, school closed
 8 May -Bank holiday for the Kings Coronation, school closed
 9-12 May -Y6 SATS week
 15-19 May -Walk to school week
 26 May -Non uniform £1
 9 Jun -Non uniform Summer Fair donations (details closer to the date)
 16 Jun -Summer Fair



Times Tables Leaders

Well done to
 Serah Sibi - Gavin
 Oliver Petrehele - Dahl
 Glynn Okines - Mante
For most improved time (playing in the Studio area) over the past 7 days

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Emily
Murphy	Albert
Kerr	Dylan
Bryon	Jake
Donaldson	Aiden
Soundar	Jack
Dahl	Kaira
Gavin	Ani
Mante	Jacob
Morpurgo	Darcie
Riordan	Tammy
Zephaniah	Naomi
Malala	Taraji
Blackman	Savannah
Kipling	Jermaine



From 1st April 2023 Herts Catering Ltd have set our new school meal price at £3.15. All childrens' school meals will be charged at this amount (this does not affect free school meals)

Friendship Award	Year R- Hollie
Headteachers Awards	
Rec	Charlie S
Year 3	Samson, David, Kyler-May, Joshua, Oliver, Brianna, Sophia, Poppy, Lexie, Harrison, Ava Rose, Lily-Rose, Gusia, Lilly, Alex, Naeem, Trystan, Elsie, Pearl, Daisy, Freddie, Olivia, Chloe, Todi, Serah, Afia, Aniela, Nathania, Fletcher Mandell, Betty, Ani, Felicity, Daisy Remii
Year 4	Nellie
Year 5	Cyprian

Attendance Wheel of Reward

Each week in assembly the wheel will be spun for **most improved class attendance**



Be here to have a go! This week's winners & rewards:

**Kerr - Non-uniform
 Dahl - Class Baking
 Zephaniah - Orienteering and chocolate**

World Book Day

This world book day our theme was 'The Importance Of Story Time'. Children came to school dressed in their pyjamas and brought a cuddly toy or small pillow/cushion. Then they shared and read their favourite stories with their class. Some classes even went to younger year groups and read to them!



We also focused on 'The Importance of rhyme and vocabulary'. We were lucky enough to invite a poet in who completed lots of workshops with every year group! We then came together at the end of the day and performed our poems together!



Here is The Leys Poem created by the pupils:

(All) I love books, the magic they hold, is only unlocked when the story is told!

(Reception) Jack's beanstalk is really tall. Baby bear's bed is really small. Red Riding Hood's wolf is big and bad .The animals on the broom were really glad!

(Y1) The three little pigs had a clever plan. The Gingerbread man ran and ran. The Big Bad Wolf wore Grannys Dress. The mean Sisters made Cinderella a great mess.

(Y2) WiggleBottom Primary books are fun to read. JacksBeanstalk grew from a seed. Lila wanted rain but had a scorching sun. We think reading is really fun!

(Y3) We love Roald Dahl's books. Fantastic Mr Fox defeated the nasty crooks. Matilda is smart and stealthy. George's marvellous medicine did not make granny healthy.

(Y4) Michael Morpurgo is a magnificent writer. His stories always make our day brighter. He takes us on adventures to amazing places. His imagination puts a shining smile on all of our faces.

(Y5)We love Willy Wonka's weird Creations. His Chocolate factory is full of temptations. The world went mad for tickets of Gold. On each winning 5 an invitation in bold.

(Y6) The almighty Harry Potter survived a deadly curse. Revolting Voldermort killed his parents and made life worse. Brave, fearless, confident and smart. With his magical scar, a true Gryffindor Heart



CLASS OF THE WEEK:



This week in Kerr class we enjoyed an exciting world book day. We focused on 'The Gingerbread Man' book.

We thought of alternate ways that the Gingerbread man could cross the river and then built some of our ideas. Some children decided that there should be a boat waiting for the Gingerbread man, whilst others decided to build a bridge.



In science we did an experiment to see what would happen to the Gingerbread man if he swam over the river by himself. We placed the Gingerbread man into different liquids over a period of time to see what happened and made observations. We found out that no matter what the liquid was the Gingerbread man would have broken up and washed away.



We then enjoyed a yummy gingerbread treat.



Class: Soundar

Newspaper Report by Saaya

LONDON ON FIRE

There was an enormous fire in London last night. The fire started at Pudding Lane in a bakery owned by Thomas Farynor.

It has been reported that the fire started after Thomas went to sleep. He put ash from his oven in a wooden box and carried it outside. Thomas didn't know there was still some fire in the box so the fire spread from house to house.

Eyewitnesses have reported that the fire in London is really bad and they can't stop it.

This morning the fire is worse, it is a big nightmare. Will King Charles II send help?

Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values



This week the children in Year 4 have been learning about forgiveness in RE. The children watched a video about a Bee and discussed how the Bee's forgave each other and if it was done in the right way.

The children then discussed what forgiveness means to them and how they can forgive others. As part of their learning Year 4 acted out some different drama scenes based on different scenarios of forgiveness.



Whole school attendance target
= 97%

Whole school attendance this
week = 95.4%

Best class attendance this week
= Blackman 99%

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<http://nipinthebud.org>

Nip in the Bud mental health support- Early intervention video(ages 5+)

Nip in the Bud is a charity which was set up to promote awareness of mental health disorders in children. These relatively common problems which begin in childhood and adolescence can have wide-ranging and long-lasting effects, and can impact a child's relationships, their education and job opportunities. Nip in the Bud have recently produced four new videos for parents on the importance of 'early intervention' and how to spot when your child needs help.

<https://nipinthebud.org/films-parents-category/early-intervention>

The Leys Have Talent

Emmy, in year 5, is a very talented gymnast. She attends Stevenage Gymnastic Centre at Martins Wood school. She has recently received a certificate for improving her somersaults.

Well Done Emmy.
Keep up the hard work!





We're looking for green fingered volunteers to help tidy our planters and garden areas.
If you're able to spare some time to help us please contact the school office, thank you



Thank you to everyone that helped at the school disco last week.

It was a huge success and we made a profit

of £1,152 which is absolutely fantastic



Term dates 2022-2023

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